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APPLICANT: Cavallieri, Ercole L., et al. ART UNIT: 1806  
SERIAL NO: EXAMINER: M. Davis  
(divisional of 08/634,941)  
FILED: April 19, 1996  
TITLE: SYNTHESIS OF ESTROGEN-PURINE BASE AND ESTROGEN-MERCAPTURATE ADDUCTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF FLUORESCENT PROBES AND MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES TO ASSAY THOSE ADDUCTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that this preliminary amendment be made of record in the divisional case.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification by inserting, before the first line, the following sentence: --This is a divisional of co-pending commonly owned application Serial Number 08/634,941 filed on April 19, 1996, --

now patented <sup>number</sup> ~~5,840,889~~ 5,840,889

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-31 without prejudice as drawn to a non-elected invention.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby declare that the attached Preliminary Amendment has been mailed by U.S. Postal Service's "Post Office to Addressee" Express Mail service in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, Box Patent Application, prior to 5:00 p.m. on the 15 day of April, 1998.

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